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Appn. No.: 09/994,088  
Amendment dated June 17, 2005  
Reply to Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2005

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Trudeau

Serial No.: 09/994,088

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: Method And Apparatus For Clamping  
Surgical Wires Or Cables

Atty. Docket No.: 004608.10003

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Michael B. Priddy

Confirmation No.: 8571

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2005. The Office Action set a three month deadline, making this paper due by June 17, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Response or credit any overpayment of fees to our Deposit Account No 19-0733. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.